ROBERT WRIGHT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

ed in the same, except two acres of said land, which two acres shall CHAP. 52 include within their bounds the church, and burial-ground attached to the same, in such manner, and for such estate therein, as conveyances may be made by any individual for any like property; Provided, that no sale, lease, or other disposition of the said pro- Proviso. perty, or any part thereof, shall be valid, unless the same shall be made with the consent and approbation of a majority of the trustees of the said congregation, agreeably to the rules and constituti-

on of said church. 4. And BE IT ENACTED. That the said trustees, or a majority and appropriate of them, are hereby authorised and directed to appropriate the monies arising from any sale or sales which may be made by them by virtue of the provisions of this act, either to the building of a new church, or to the repair of the old one, or to any other purpose relative to the said congregation, which they, or a majority of them, shall deem right and proper.

CHAP. LIV.

An Act to lay out and open a certain Road in Cecil County. Lib. TH. Passed Jan. 3, 1800 No. 1, fol. 249.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the pe-Preamble. tition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, that the convenience of the public will be greatly promoted by straightening and amending the private road, now opened and used, leading from that part of Stone Run where a public road from the state of Pennsylvania to the tide water of the Chesapeake crosses said run, at or near the Octorara creek, until it intersects the public road leading from Christiana to the Bald Friar Ferry, on Susquehanna river, and by

making the same a public road; therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That appointed to se William Johnson, Robert Porter and James Maxwell, be, and road they, or a majority of them, are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and mark, a road, not exceeding thirty feet in width, in the straightest and best direction that the nature of the ground will admit of, from that part of Stone Run where the public road aforesaid crosses said run, until it intersects the public read leading from Christiana to the Bald Friar Ferry aforesaid, at that point where the private road aforesaid intersects the same, and estimate and value the damages sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, taking into estimation the advantages and disadvantages, if any, and a certificate of the same when so ascertained, together with a certificate of the survey of said road, under their hands, or a majority of them, shall return to the clerk of Cecil county, to be by him recorded, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed and taken to be a public highway, and kept in repairs as other public roads in said county.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of Cecil county be Levy authorised and they are hereby authorised and required, at the time of laying pay damages. the next levy in said county, if the said court should be of opinion that the said road would be of public benefit and utility, to levy, on the assessable property of the county aforesaid, the sum necessary to clear and make said road passable, also the amount of damages so ascertained and certified as aforesaid, together with a reasonable compensation for the commissioners who perform the